

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that thousands of U.S. patents have issued in which many more than two subclasses have been searched, and the Patent and Trademark Office cannot reasonably assert that a burden exists in searching only two subclasses.

Applicants additionally traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search of all the claims would not present an undue burden.

MPEP subsection 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Applicants respectfully submit that having to search all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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